

**§ 307.735-312 Use of Government property.**

A regular or special employee shall not directly or indirectly use, or allow the use of, Government property of any kind, including property leased to the Government for other than officially approved activities. All employees have a positive duty to protect and conserve Government property, including equipment, supplies, and other property entrusted or issued to them. By law, penalty envelopes may be used only for official U.S. Government mail.

**§ 307.735-313 Indebtedness.**

Peace Corps considers the indebtedness of its employees to be a matter of their own concern and will not function as a collection agency. Nevertheless, a regular or special employee shall pay each just financial obligation in a proper and timely manner, especially one imposed by law such as Federal, State, or local taxes. For the purpose of this section, a "just financial obligation" means one acknowledged by the employee or reduced to judgment by a court, or one imposed by law such as Federal, State or local taxes, and "in a proper and timely manner" means in a manner which the agency determines does not, under the circumstances, reflect adversely on the Government as his or her employer. In the event of a dispute between an employee and an alleged creditor, this section does not require Peace Corps to determine the validity or amount of the disputed debt.

**§ 307.735-314 Gambling, betting, and lotteries.**

A regular or special employee shall not participate, while on Government owned or leased property or while on duty for the Government in any gambling activity, including the operation of a gambling device, in conducting a lottery or pool, in a game for money or property, or in selling or purchasing a numbers slip or ticket.

**§ 307.735-315 Discrimination.**

No regular or special employee may make inquiry concerning the race, political affiliation, or religious beliefs of any employee or applicant in connection with any personnel action and

may not practice, threaten, or promise any action against or in favor of an employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin and in the competitive service on the basis of politics, marital status, or physical handicap.

**§ 307.735-316 Related statutes and regulations.**

Each employee should be aware of the following related statutes and regulations:

(a) House Concurrent Resolution 175, 85th Congress, 2nd Session, 72A Stat. B12, the "Code of Ethics for Government Service."

(b) The prohibition against lobbying with appropriated funds (18 U.S.C. 1913).

(c) The prohibitions against disloyalty and striking (5 U.S.C. 7311, 18 U.S.C. 1918).

(d) The prohibition against accepting honoraria of more than \$2,000 per speech, appearance, or article (2 U.S.C. 441i).

(e) The prohibitions against: (1) The disclosure of classified information (18 U.S.C. 798, 50 U.S.C. 783), and (2) the disclosure of confidential information (18 U.S.C. 1905).

(f) The provisions relating to the habitual use of intoxicants to excess (5 U.S.C. 7352).

(g) The prohibition against the misuse of a Government vehicle (31 U.S.C. 638a(c)).

(h) The prohibition against the misuse of the franking privilege (18 U.S.C. 1719).

(i) The prohibition against the use of deceit in an examination or personnel action in connection with Government employment (18 U.S.C. 1917).

(j) The prohibitions against fraud or false statements in a Government matter and filing false claims (18 U.S.C. 1001 and 287).

(k) The prohibition against mutilating or destroying a public record (18 U.S.C. 2071).

(l) The prohibition against counterfeiting and forging transportation requests (18 U.S.C. 508).

(m) The prohibitions against: (1) Embezzlement of Government money or property (18 U.S.C. 641); (2) failing to account for public money (18 U.S.C.